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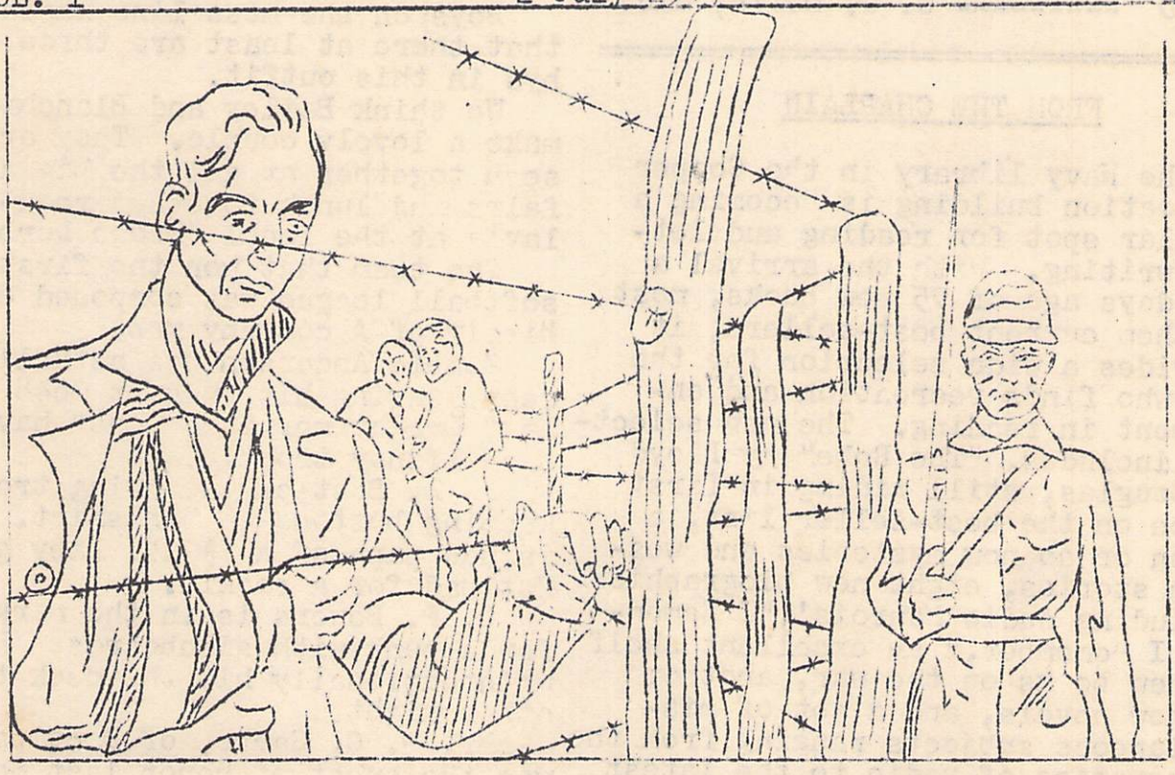

STRANGE! BUT THE JAP'S THE PRISONER

This fine young American was formerly employed back in the States by a large concern....volunteered in 1941....fought at Bataan....was captured by the Japanese.

Temporarily, a little Jap with a Big Gun holds him in a concentration camp. Physically confined? Yes! But his soul is free and his American Spirit soars back across the seas to his beloved homeland where.....

MEN SPEAK, LIVE, PLAN, WORK, PLAY AND PRAY AS THEY CHOOSE;
EVERY PERSON IS MASTER OF HIS FATE;
LIFE AND PROPERTY ARE PROTECTED BY LAW;
CHILDREN LAUGH AND GROW UP IN FREEDOM TO REACH HIGH PLACES IN GOVERNMENT OR INDUSTRY ACCORDING TO THEIR MERIT.

Yes, the Jap's the real prisoner. He has never known the joys of individual freedom. His lot is to serve a master blindly. He has never known the glorious privilege of living under laws that he has had a part in making. He has never seen Free Men and Free Enterprise build a wonderful country like America where the comforts of the ordinary man are beyond his fondest dreams.

OURS IS A GREAT COUNTRY, made so under our form of government, by Free Men, by Free Enterprise. That's what we are fighting to preserve.

May we all here remember this by showing a greater devotion to duty than ever before. Remember Sunday is July 4; the 167th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Let's preserve those ideals.

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## FROM THE CHAPLAIN

The Navy library in the Cooper recreation building is becoming a popular spot for reading and letter writing. With the arrival a few days ago of 75 new books, most of them current best-sellers, it provides a wide selection for the man who finds recreation and enjoyment in reading. The new selection includes, "The Robe" by Lloyd C. Douglas, still riding in first place on the best-seller list, a dozen or so new mysteries and western stories, eight new biographies, including Audie Maurois',"I Remember I Remember," an excellent shelf of new bo ks on the war, another of new novels, and a set of miscellaneous subjects ranging from the mathematics of radio to the latest funny poems of Ogden Nash.

In the final analysis a book reviewer tells whether he enjoyed the book he is reviewing. I claim no authority for my own tastes but I am sure some of you will like a few which I have read recently. The letters of Bernard Shaw and Ellen Terry will give an intimate glimpse of two great artists and fine minds having high class fun on paper. As love-letters they are unexcelled, though the love-making is not very serious; most of the letters were written before Shaw and Terry ever met. The biography of Fanny Kemble, thought by some to have been the world's greatest actress, gives an eye-opening picture of England and America before and during the Civil War. (It is not for unreconstructed southerners; Miss Kemble was an abolitionist as well as an actress and writer.) "Life With Father" is still my favorite book of humor, but there are others on the shelves that run it a close race. Drop in between 0900 and 1200 or between 1900 and 2200. Books can be used in the library or checked out, as you prefer.

Charles H. Buck, Jr.
Chaplain, USNR

## DIVINE SERVICES

(Protestant)
Every Sunday
0900 ----------Menge Theater
1100 ----------Cooper Chapel

(Catholic Devotions)
Every Sunday
0900 --------- CB Reading Room

## COMPANY A

After listening to Chief Strad ling call cadence, we are backing him for the world title in the hog calling contest.

Boys on the mess line insist that there at least are three Dombys in this outfit.

We think Bailey and Blanchard make a lovely couple. They are seen together at all the big affairs and lunch together regularly at the local "Brown Derby."

The team that won the first softball league was composed entirely of A company men.

Zombie Anderson was actually seen leaving his bunk at 0648 last Friday morning. Must have been kidney trouble.

F. E. Bostick is having trouble keeping buttons on his shirt. He is now papa of a 7½ lb. baby girl. Not bad for a rookie.

O. F. Bowers is in the market for a bunk with sideboards. He unintentionally hit the deck the other night.

Mr. W. C. Garbe, of D company, was the guest of honor last Saturday night, at a party given by C. J. Brown, of A-3.

Let Hicks, of A-6, tell you of romance in Mississippi - Conger, of love in the mountains of Tennessee - And Blaschke, in Texas - Calfee, in Oregon. Just a few of A company's Casanovas.

By the way, the picture of Al Michael and the little Hawaiian gal is still on the bulletin board in the postoffice. The line forms to the right.

## HEADQUARTERS

Henceforth this reporter will never write an unkindly word about anyone. He even likes the fellow with the number 9 shoe. And won't worry about larger recreation rooms or Monte Carlo. He thinks the food is grand and the cooks and bakers are all gentlemen of the highest calibre with a fine sense of humor and can really take a razing without losing their composure, also that there is no doubt that we have the finest chow in the entire Pacific.

The chiefs may have an advantage over the other enlisted men

in the softball games, with their new shoes. (Many of the other fellows have new shoes too and don't let Dr. Barber catch you playing ball or shell hunting while wearing them. Ed.)

I wish to apoligize to everyone that has ever been trampled on by this column.

Perhaps you noticed a definite change in policy which would be understandable if perchance you were at chow last Thursday nite after THE SEABEE NEWS was distributed and saw this reporter violently and forcibly ejected from a hut by four gorillas. It is obvious that these men were imported from a large city mob for the express purpose of terrorizing him. They threw him bodily into a large mud puddle.

I've had my fingers crossed all the time fellows, if you don't believe it wait until next week.

MOVIES

July 2 ----------Belle Star
" 3 -------Manila Calling
" 4 --Dr. Gillespie's New Assistant
" 5 -- I Married a Witch
" 6 -- Captains of the Clouds
" 7 -- Boston Blackie goes Hollywood
" 8 ---------- Timber

NEWS FROM UP YONDER

We have just received a June 16 issue of the paper published by our mates on Oahu. As usual, this fine sheet of theirs is crammed with interesting articles. We will reprint some of the articles appearing therein in the very near future.

Mr. Chamberlin is sponsoring editor of the paper with H. J. Adolfson and W. H. McDonald serving as editors. I. R. Spahr handles the sports. Art editors are H. E. Avery and M. Kizer. The typing and mimeographing work is done by A. C. LeCroy, David P. Cook, L. J. Bresko, R. A. Brewer and C. A. Martin. Keep the good work up boys.

ATTENTION

We are needing help from all of you fellows in getting material for our paper. If you have any interesting clippings from home or know any interesting things about your mates please pass them on to your company reporter, give them to the editor or to R. H. Busby in the Assignment office.

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It is rumored that C. H. Burns, hdqts. reporter, is a topnotch Rummy player but scores it wrong.

How did you fellows like the cigarettes you were smoking early this week? They were donated by Miss Barbara Stanwyck and passed on to you by Chaplain Buck. Some ofthe boys also got some Briggs pipe mixture. Many thanks to Chief Stradling for seeing that the cigaretts were distributed.....

The scuttlebut is flying thick and fast around here now. Tuesday we were going to Gulfport to take over Ship's company - Wednesday, to Oxnard to make SP's out of all of us - Thursday, one half of the outfit would be assigned to a WAVE training center as MAA's. We could go on and on but let's quit.

For some reason or another our mail seems to be getting to the States awfully slow; much slower than we receive it from there. Maybe it goes all the way by boat one way.....

We have heard several complaints about our boys chiseling in on the ice cream line at Navy Ship's Service. The Marines and Sailors won't be our friends if we continue that and we always need friends. Don't embarrass Plato by breaking to the head of the line.....

L. P. Carstenson, of Company D has just received word that he is the papa of an eight pound baby boy. Another rookie makes good.

We hear that Kate Smith will honor to the Seabees Friday nite on her program. We don't know the hour so scout around on the dial and see if you can pick it up.

DID YOU KNOW THAT

P. L. Gentry, S1c of Co. D, is a native of Elizabethton Tennessee where he was employed by the Holston Ordance Works.

H. D. Kelly, SF3c of Co. D, was in the cleaning and pressing business in Ratom New Mexico.

G. B. Richardson, S1c of Co. D is a former sheepherder from Cody Wyoming.

J. K. Davis, MM1c of Co, A, was a heavy equipment operator in Oklahoma City.

A. L. Bost, S2c of Co. D, came into the Seabees from Jacksonville Texas. He was working in the Houston shipyards.

R. T. Cutter, SF1c of Co. D, hails from Seattle Washington where he was teaching in a Flight and Engine Control School for the makers of the Flying Fortress.

B. R. Harris, SF2c of Co. D, calls Columbia Mississippi his home but came into the Seabees from the Mobile shipyards. He also taught school for a number of years.

SPORTS
By R. H. Busby

As fine a showing as could be made by anyone was made by two of the Seabees at the boxing bouts last Friday. Bert Brooks, although losing his fight showed that he really has something in those gloves when he puts them on - a mighty nice fight Bert and just keep it up. Johnnie Mickleburgh was given what amounted to little more than a workout when he fought the third challenger in his weight class. What we want to see is Johnnie against the champion.

The ball game between the Yeomen and Chiefs scheduled to be played last Tuesday evening was postponed because of wet grounds but was played as a makeup game on Friday. It was a hit and run game with the Yeomen hitting and the Chiefs running (after the ball). Final score of this game was 16-7.

The game Wednesday evening was one of the biggest upsets of the new league. The Hospital team lead by that bright and shining "star" Bill Garbe was unable to stop Manager Geer's Scrubs with the very surprising result of a defeat for the Hospital team and a big old 9 to 8 victory for that hard working gang the Scrub.

Friday brought three games for the fans to watch beside the make up game played by the Yeoman and Chiefs. In the first game the Aces lead by the homerun hitting of Joe Marinoff and the play at short of Frannie Lott defeated a Carpenter team that more or less fell apart. Middleton and Hallum for the losers were outstanding but this team as a unit is not clicking as it should, because there are a lot of good men on this team.

In the second game of the afternoon the Grays, who looked like a real ball team in their start fell apart and lost a very one sided game to the Guns, by a score of 11 to 1.

Having defeated the Chiefs earlier in the afternoon Manager Benbow (he of the dark curly hair and don't forget the mustach) led his Yeomen team against a Scrub team that simply wouldn't have anything but another win after the defeat they handed the Hospital team earlier in the week. Staples and Cosby were in there at all times for the victors in the field and Staples and Hatch lead the hitting attac having two hits, each. Flippo. Owens and Connor had one hit each for the losers. (I will say one thing and that is that hits are mighty hard to get when Pine has the pencil).

In a game played mostly in water about knee deep the Hospital team staged a comebock at the expense of the Chiefs. Final score was 11 to 1. Bill (hit 'em a mile) Garbe lead the attack at the plate being the only man to get three safe hits out of four trips to the plate.

In the Sunday game the Engineers made their first appearance of the league but lost to the rapidly improving Aces by a score of 12 to 4. All around play by Bennish and Cannon for the losers was very good while Marinoff and Hawkins stole the show for the outstanding fielding plays. An argument as to the eligibility of the Aces new catcher, Roark, was much better and more hotly contested than the game. The result of the game was decided by the score but the result of the argument is ???.

The best ball game of the season to date was the game between Equipment and the Grays on Monday night. The highly rated winners of the last league looked very much as if that thing called "over confidence" had taken hold of them or else it was a plain case of lead in their -----, at any rate if the base running by the Grays had not been very bad, the game would never have gone into an extra inning and the Equipment gang would have met their first defeat. Manager Alban was really HOT when he was called out at the plate - wonder if he remembers the decision he made against the Chiefs in the last league. With the exception of their base running the Grays played nice ball and should have had the ball game instead of losing 4 to 3.